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Dear Local Pastor/Lay Delegate:

Greetings on behalf of the G.S.S. Commission. Enclosed you will find a packet of information that represents THE BEGINNING of the commission's reworking of the G.S.S. proposal that was presented to the General Conference in Toronto. The Commission met for five days prior to the Clergy Conference in Kansas City, last month. Although we are behind schedule in getting this information to you, we need your help and cooperation correct that situation and get back on the time schedule that was outlined for us by the General Conference business meeting.

Prior to your next District/World Church Extension Area Conference, it is imperative for your congregation to hold a workshop on the material that is enclosed. By doing this you will ensure a productive workshop at your upcoming conference. YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND SOME THINGS ABOUT THE MATERIAL YOU ARE RECEIVING:

- 1.) It is no where near complete, and is JUST THE BEGINNING as regards the reworking of the proposal. THIS IS NOT A FINAL PRODUCT.
- 2.) Underlined material represents possible options or uncertainties regarding the terms used.
- 3.) Page 17 - "Working Polity Model" is only a rough, incomplete sketch of INITIAL thinking of POSSIBLE models for a Fellowship level of government.
- 4.) There is only one copy of papers being sent. Because of the high cost of reproduction, you are being asked to make enough copies for your clergy staff, lay delegates, and interested congregational members - AND TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED!
- 5.) The Commission is open to all and any changes and feed-in relating to the material you are receiving.

You may be wondering why we are going to the cost and trouble of distributing all of this material when it represents only the beginning of our work. The Commission feels very strongly that we want the ENTIRE FELLOWSHIP to be directly involved in the process of developing a new and finer system of polity. The G.S.S. Commission has set another meeting this August, here in Fort Lauderdale, that we will be able to repeat this process once again in time for the next District/World Church Extension Conferences, and then once again do the same for the conferences immediately prior to the General Conference in Sacramento, in 1985. This will guarantee us that when we meet to discuss the final G.S.S. proposal on General Conference floor we will all be informed and comfortable with the fact that we all had an opportunity to be an important part of its creation.

I thank you for your prompt attention to this important issue and pray God's blessing upon you as you hold your workshops.

With love, yours in Christ,

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Government, Structures, and Systems Commission

THEOLOGICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE WORK OF G.S.S.

1 We have chosen the U.F.M.C.C. as our forum for discovering, living
2 out, giving, and receiving our life in union with God. Given this
3 privilege, we are ecumenical (inhabiting the same house; affirming both
4 the priestly and prophetic gifts), evangelical in giving and eucharistic
5 in receiving. This understanding invites us to creatively develop govern-
6 ment, structures, and systems to serve as an order through which God's
7 Spirit moves. We are in journey, looking for that which enables more,
8 empowers more, and emphasizes more directly our legitimacy in understanding
9 ourselves as gifts of God's presence. Government, structures, and systems
10 serve our ministry and our individual and collective responding abilities.
11 As an ecumenical body, given the grace/gift of unity born from the power
12 of the life-giving Spirit of God, we celebrate our unity in our under-
13 standing and God's action. In our ecumenism, we acknowledge our diversity
14 and live out our unity through the forum we have chosen and into which
15 we have been called. As a eucharistic body, we receive as a sacred trust
16 from God the gift of unity to which we are called. As an evangelical body,
17 we give of ourselves and our gifts; collectively and individually to the
18 common good of the world; a world called to new life, new values and new
19 relationships one to another. We are ecumenical; responsive to sharing
20 in the vast display of faith traditions. We receive God's blessing in
21 our eucharistic privilege and pass those gifts on in the practice of
22 evangelical ministry.

23 To these ends our government, structures, and systems reflect our
24 living witness to the power that calls us to be and to become the presence
25 of infinite love on the earth and in our lives. Our government, struc-
26 tures, and systems enable us as individual congregations, groups of con-



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gregations, and all of us together to perform the bigger and broader functions of service in order to facilitate our further growth, the further proclamation of the truth of our being, and the sharing of the vision of a new humanity. As we grow our government, structures, and systems must continue to accomodate our roots as an ecumenical, eucharistic, and evangelical collection of followers of the Christ, binding themselves together in order to accomplish our greater task (Matthew 28:19). We are a community of faith, gathered to be God's people in ministry with one another as we follow Christ Jesus.

U.F.M.C.C. is a new testament church, kerygmatic, Spirit-filled, co-creating with God; an understanding of ourselves, whereby our focus for ministry is to enable one another to recognize and share our individual diversity of gifts to magnify the realm of God. We are structured with an understanding which places emphasis on the individual relationship to God, celebrating our differences in unity. We choose people to serve in a variety of capacities based on their individual gifts, responsibilities, convictions, trust, and in the leading of God's Spirit empower them to serve in those positions. We embody Christ's Spirit in our lives and in our churches. We live in the conviction of covenant and grow with openness to God's Spirit.

In this Spirit we offer our gift to you.

In nomine Jesus

WEAKNESSES OF PRESENT STRUCTURE

- 1 1. Does not reflect the current theological stance of the Fellowship
- 2 a. priesthood of all believers
- 3 b. inclusivity
- 4 2. Does not reflect our enabling emphasis
- 5 a. local/district options
- 6 b. financial ability to enable
- 7 3. Gives rise to questions of voting/representation
- 8 a. voting status of study groups at General Conference
- 9 4. The size of districts adversely affects its proper functioning
- 10 a. growth
- 11 b. program development
- 12 c. fellowship of local church bodies
- 13 5. There is a fellowship/district lack of authority problem
- 14 a. chartered churches in trouble
- 15 b. financial problems
- 16 6. There is a lack of full-time authority above the local level
- 17 a. number of decision-making levels too few
- 18 1.) time lag in communicating decisions
- 19 b. the process is overburdened at the top level
- 20 7. Does not serve the international nature of the Fellowship
- 21 a. example - Australia
- 22 8. The top level is not geographically representative
- 23 a. Board of Elders
- 24 9. There is unnecessary duplication/lack of communication in
- 25 the area of program development
- 26 a. fund raising and stewardship programs
- 27 b. public relations/outreach/world church extension/evangelism
- 28 c. prison ministry/substance abuse
- 28 10. OTHERS:

ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OFFICERS

A. GOVERNMENT

1. This Fellowship acknowledges the Holy Scripture interpreted by the Holy Spirit in conscience and faith as its guide in faith, discipline, and government.
2. The government of this Fellowship is vested in the International Conference, General Conferences, its District Conferences and Congregational Meetings, subject to the provisions of the Fellowship's Articles of Incorporation and its By-Laws. The Officers elected by the International, General and District Conferences and Congregational Meetings are subject to the direction and discipline of the respective bodies and are responsible to carry out their policies.
3. This Fellowship is amenable to no outside ecclesiastical jurisdiction, but accepts the obligation of mutual consent, comity, and cooperation involved in the free fellowship of other churches, and does pledge itself to share in their common aims and endeavors subject to the expressed approval of its membership.
4. District and District Conferences, and General Conferences, as defined by these By-Laws, are set forth for the purposes of Christian Fellowship, Witness, and Service, borne in the cooperation, program development, and implementation of their By-Laws, Standard Operating Procedures, Policies, and the Policies of the International Conference.
5. A local church in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) is that church which subscribes to the government and doctrine of the UFMCC and has been commissioned by the same.

- 29 6. In the Fellowship the government of each of the local churches
30 is vested in its congregational meetings which exert the right
31 to control all of its affairs, subject to the provisions of the
32 UFMCC Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, International Confer-
33 ences, General Conferences, and District Conferences.

(Ref. Page B-1 through B-3)

- 34 B. FELLOWSHIP (Time did not permit working on this section line
35 by line. Please refer to the enclosed sheet which
36 outlines PRELIMINARY THINKING on a POSSIBLE polity
37 model).

(Ref. Page B-3 through B-5)

38 C. DISTRICTS (formerly REGIONS)

- 39 1. INTRODUCTION: Districts are those defined bodies which are
40 created by the Board of Elders/General Council. They are
41 called into existence to enable and empower Christian ministry
42 within their jurisdiction through their member congregations
43 and bodies.
- 44 District Conferences are those deliberative gatherings of the
45 District for the purposes defined in Article V/VI Section A.4.
46 The District Conference is required to establish District By-Laws/
47 or Standard Operating Procedures for the nominations and election
48 of members of the District Committee, all District Officers, and
49 for the conduct of District business. The District By-Laws/
50 Standard Operating Procedures must be in accordance with the
51 Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of UFMCC.
- 52 2. DISTRICT COMMITTEE: The District Committee is that body elected
53 by the District Conference to carry on the administrative affairs

of the District between District Conferences in an orderly manner. All actions of the District Committee must be reported to and approved by the District Conference, except where specifically provided for in these By-Laws. This Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, as the District Conference may determine from time to time, including the District Coordinator and members representative of Clergy and Laity.

a. QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Members of the District Committee must be members in good standing within the Fellowship, of obvious spiritual quality and leadership, who are mature and have sound judgement and a proven record of accomplishment. The members of this committee must reside in the District during their terms of office. Their term of office shall be two (2) years, except that of the District Coordinator.

b. DUTIES: It is the responsibility of the District Committee to propose a budget to the District Conference each year and to implement such a budget when adopted; to establish a procedure for formulating and distributing a tentative agenda for each District Conference, that agenda to be mailed to all delegates, District Officers, and Congregations at least thirty (30) days prior to the Conference; to establish and make appointments to District Committees and Task Forces; to carry out the directives of the District Conference and of the International/General Conferences as appropriate. It is also the responsibility of the District Committee to foster growth and development of new works within the District and to act upon petitions for commissioning and chartering according to the procedures established by the District Conference. The Dis-

84 trict Committee will name the Board(s) of Trustees
85 for any property acquired by the District.

86 c. DISCIPLINE: The UFMCC cannot condone disloyalty or
87 unbecoming conduct or dereliction of duty on the part of
88 District Officers or members of the District Committee.
89 Therefore, any member of the District Committee or a
90 District Officer may be recalled from office only by the
91 District Conference. When the District Conference is not
92 in session, charges in writing against a District Officer
93 or member of the District Committee, signed by a minimum
94 of one clergyperson or lay delegate from each of eight
95 (8) different churches within the District must be sent at
96 the same time to the person charged and to the Board of
97 Elders/General Council; who may suspend the officer or
98 member of the District Committee so charged until the next
99 District Conference which shall hear and act upon the
100 charges without appeal.

101 3. DISTRICT OFFICERS

102 a. DISTRICT COORDINATOR: shall be elected by the District
103 Conference for a term of four (4) years and shall serve
104 as a member of the General Council. The District shall
105 be responsible for compensation to its full time District
106 Coordinator. It shall be the duty of the Distict Coor-
107 dinator to provide spiritual direction and guidance; to
108 act as Moderator at all District Conferences; to represent
109 the interests and perspectives of the District to the
110 General Council; to represent the Board of Elders/General
111 Council within the District; to coordinate and administer
112 the work of the District in achieving its purposes; and to

113 assure, together with the District Committee, that every
114 church within the District is supplied with a pastor or
115 other pastoral leadership. It shall be the right and duty
116 of the District Coordinator (and World Church Extension
117 Elder?), or any representative whom the District Coor-
118 dinator/World Church Extension Elder may delegate, to visit
119 all churches within the District. The District Coordinator/
120 World Church Extension Elder shall also serve as the Chair
121 of the District Committee. The District Coordinator/World
122 Church Extension Elder in consultation with the District
123 Committee may designate only an elected District Officer
124 to represent the District at a General Council meeting if
125 the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder is
126 unable to attend.

- 127 b. OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS: In addition to the District Coor-
128 dinator/World Church Extension Elder, as specified above,
129 the District shall provide for at least the following
130 officers:

131 1.) ASSISTANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR: A District Con-
132 ference shall elect an Assistant District Coor-
133 dinator to assume the Chair at meetings of the
134 District Conference or District Committee in the
135 absence of the District Coordinator, or at the
136 District Coordinator's request. The Assistant
137 District Coordinator shall perform other duties as
138 deemed appropriate by the District Coordinator and/
139 or the District Committee.

140 2.) DISTRICT CLERK/SECRETARY: The District Clerk/Sec.
141 shall be responsible for recording the minutes of
142 District business meetings; for publishing and

disseminating to delegates, District Officers and congregations tentative minutes of each District business meeting within thirty (30) days, for keeping orderly files of approved minutes and pertinent materials.

3.) DISTRICT TREASURER: The District Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and safekeeping of all funds of the District. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate financial records and disbursing funds in accordance with procedures approved by the District Committee. The Treasurer shall remit ten percent (10%) of all receipts from churches as remitted under Article X, each month to the World Church Extension Office/Officer. The Treasurer shall prepare the quarterly financial statement, a copy of which shall be sent to all District congregations, delegates, District officers and the Board of Elders/General Council. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each District Conference.

4.) DISTRICT LAY REPRESENTATIVE: The District Lay Representative shall be elected by a majority of the Lay Delegates at the District Conference immediately following the General Conference. The District Lay Representative shall chair the District Lay Caucus, represent the District of the UFMCC Commission on Laity, and shall insure that every church within the District is visited annually by a representative of the laity in accordance with the District By-Lays/S.O.P.s.

c. DISCIPLINE: Discipline of District officers shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article V/VI, Section C. 1.d., above (or wherever it may appear).

4. RESERVATION OF POWERS: Any specific matters of District approval or appeal not covered herein are left to local District option.

(Ref. Page B-5 through B-6)

E. LOCAL CHURCHES (Will probably be changed to:

B. LOCAL COMMISSIONED AND CHARTERED CHURCHES with B. FELLOWSHIP becoming E. FELLOWSHIP)

1. PASTOR: The Pastor is that person elected by a local church congregation to perform duties of teacher, preacher, spiritual leader and counselor. Pastors must be credentialed clergy-persons in the UFMCC (unless an exception is made by the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension). The Pastor of the church shall have the authority for ordering all religious worship services of the church. The Pastor is a voting member of the local administrative body. The Pastor may serve as Moderator of the local administrative body in accordance with local By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures. Associate or Assistant Pastor(s) and other personnel, uncompensated or compensated, shall be appointed by the Pastor subject to the approval of the local administrative body. The Pastor shall act as personnel director of the local church staff, shall have the authority to delegate such responsibilities and duties as to her/him seem wise, and shall, with the approval of the local administrative body, determine compensation, vacation periods, and titles of office of the staff.

Pastors may be removed from office for disloyalty, unbecoming conduct, dereliction of duty or when unreconcilable differences arise between Pastor and congregation, by petition submitted to the duly authorized church officer as designated by the local By-Laws/Standard Operating Procedures and signed by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the members in good standing, or by other means which are in accordance with local By-Laws/Standard Operating Procedures.

Within three (3) days, the Pastor and the District Coordinator/Board of World Church Extension Elder must be sent a copy of the completed petition by the designated church officer. After the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder and designated local church officer have validated the number of members who have signed the petition and the clarity of the petition, the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder may place the Pastor on inactive status, but the Pastor remains fully compensated until the final action of the congregation.

Upon validating the petition they will set the time and place of a special congregational meeting. The date of the meeting shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date the petition is submitted to the designated church officer. The only question to be voted at the meeting shall be: "Shall the Pastor be removed from office?" The Pastor has the right to appear on his/her own behalf before the congregational meeting. The action of the congregation is final.

If a special meeting is called to remove a Pastor the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder and the UFMCC Board of Elders must be given notice that such action is being taken. The District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder shall

attend/send a representative as an impartial observer who shall moderate the meeting. If the Pastor is removed, the local church administrative body will meet immediately after the meeting with the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder or his/her representative to provide pastoral leadership until the pulpit is filled. The local church administrative body will confer with the District Coordinator/World Church Extension Elder as to available candidates for the office of pastor.

2. LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION: It is incumbent upon each local church to provide its membership with a set of local By-Laws or Standard Operating Procedures. It shall be the responsibility of each local UFMCC church body to create an administrative body for the supervision of all matters pertaining to the Articles of Incorporation, church property, physical and financial affairs of the local church. This body shall have the responsibility for collecting and disbursing funds, keeping adequate church records, and making reports to the local congregation and through the District to the UFMCC.

The local administrative body shall be subject to these By-Laws, local Articles of Incorporation, or local By-Laws/Standard Operating Procedures, and to the approval or disapproval by action of the local congregation as provided for in any of the above.

3. LAY DELEGATE: Each voting church body must elect one of its members to be lay delegate for each one hundred (100) members in good standing, or portion thereof, who are carried on its member roll. These delegates should be elected at the first congregational meeting following each International/General Conference and shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The duties of the

lay delegate shall include but not be limited to representation of the congregation at International, General, and District Conferences and to be informed of the UFMCC concerns and policies.

4. DISCIPLINE OF CHURCHES: If any local voting church body shall fail to abide by the Articles of Incorporation of the UFMCC or these By-Laws, or refuses to participate in International/General or District Conferences, the Board of Elders/General Council shall take appropriate action to require compliance and participation. The Board of Elders/General Council shall report any such action to the next meeting of the appropriate District Conference which shall have authority to withdraw commission, revoke the charter, or take other appropriate action. Such action taken will be reported to the Board of Elders/General Council and recorded in the minutes. The action will also be reported to the next International/General Conference.

5. CHURCH PROPERTY: The administrative body of the local congregation of the UFMCC will name the Board(s) of Trustees for any property acquired by said churches. The administrative body, and the members of each local congregation will have sole control of said property except under the following circumstances: (1) if the property is abandoned; (2) if the local church is disbanded by the local church administrative body and the District Committee or Conference, or the Board of Elders/General Council. Should any of the above circumstances exist said property will revert to the use of the International/General Conference of the UFMCC, which will decide the disposition of said property.

In every nation where UFMCC comes to exist, a paragraph modeled on the following must be included and must apply:

"Local churches which are now incorporated or which become incorporated in the United States as non-profit corporations under their state laws are required to name the UFMCC as the successor 501 (C) (3) corporation designated to receive the church's property in the event of the dissolution or abandonment of that incorporated local church."

6. RESERVATION OF POWER: Any specific matters of congregational approval or appeal not covered herein, are left to the local church option.

(Ref. Page B-7)

ARTICLE VI - COMMISSIONING OF LOCAL CHURCH BODIES

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Within the UFMCC, all local church bodies are referred to as churches.

2. In relation to the internal working of the Fellowship and District, this Fellowship recognizes the appropriate structural differences as an internal arrangement only. The sequence of structure which has been developed is based upon increasing maturity and strength, as churches grow spiritually. The sequence is the entry procedure, commissioned and chartered churches.

B. NEW, SPECIAL, AND CONTINUING WORKS

1. ENTRY AND SPECIAL WORKS

- a. The District Committee/Board of World Church Extension shall establish procedures and standards for admission of new works.
- b. The District Committee/Board of World Church Extension commissions and is responsible for special works within their jurisdiction.

2. VOTING CHURCH BODIES

- a. COMMISSIONED CHURCHES: In order for a new work to be commissioned by the UFMCC, the new work must by petition to the appropriate District or Board of World Church Extension show a pledged commitment 1.) to uphold the statement of faith and the By-Laws of the UFMCC, 2.) to actively support the work of the local church over the period of the next year, 3.) to provide adequate financial support to carry out the work of the church over the next year, and 4.) that those people signing the petition have a record of attendance at organizational meetings. The petition, to be submitted to the District/World Church Extension Elder must provide a list of stated goals of the local church for the next year in worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, and stewardship. When the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension finds that the petition pledges an acceptable level of commitment and support the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension may commission the church for a period of up to one year, renewable by the District Committee/Board of World Church Extension. Successive annual petitions for renewal should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward chartering.
- b. CHARTERED CHURCHES: When a commissioned church has a stable membership which demonstrates 1.) a willingness and ability to support a full-time pastor, 2.) a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its pastor and lay delegate(s) to District, General, and International Conferences, and 3.) plans for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, and stewardship, the District Committee/Board of World

346 Church Extension shall review the church's petition and
347 records and may request the Board of Elders to issue a
348 charter. Any exception to the support of Pastor/lay
349 delegate expenses must be approved in advance by the
350 District Committee/Board of World Church Extension. The
351 District Committee/Board of World Church Extension may
352 recommend further action by the church before recommending
353 a charter. If the District Committee/Board of World Church
354 Extension recommends a charter, it shall also recommend an
355 effective date of that charter. The District Conference/
356 World Church Extension Elder may require that the District
357 Committee/ Board of World Church Extension review all charters
358 at least once every five years and may develop standards by
359 which charters may be maintained.

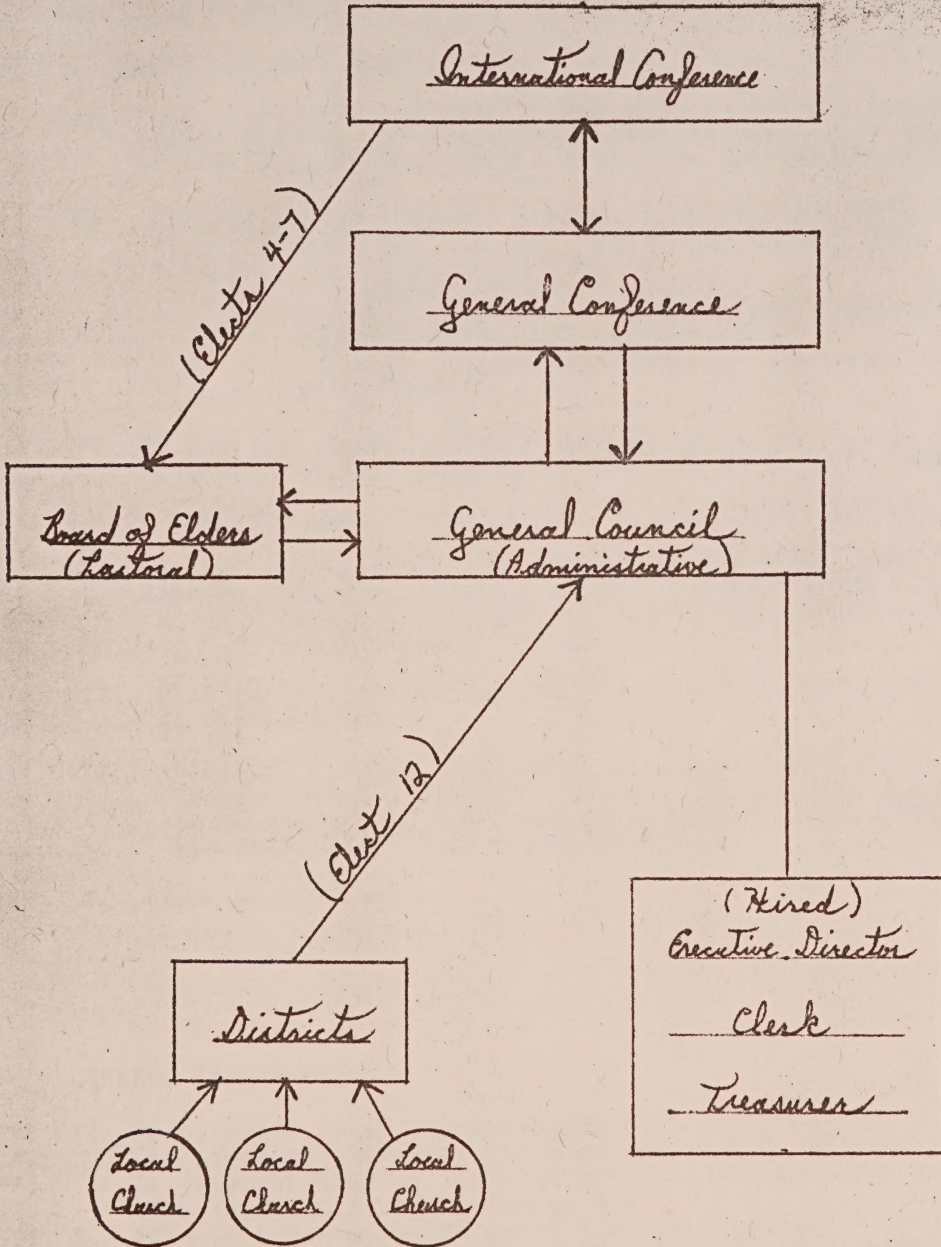
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ARTICLE IX - CHURCH MEETINGS (discussed but not finalized)

(Ref. Page B-9)

ARTICLE X - CHURCH FINANCES (discussed but not finalized)

Working Lality Model



SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL CHURCH/DISTRICT/W.C.E. AREA WORKSHOPS

- 360 I. Begin workshop with prayer.
- 361 II. Take attendance and note on the report form the number of
362 people present and the total number of members in good standing
363 of your church/local church bodies in your district(W.C.E. Area)
- 364 III. Explain that a complete packet of information will be available
365 at the District/W.C.E. Area Conference in May/June, 1985 and
366 will be composed of the following:
367 1. Final theological document
368 2. Complete proposal - including any boundries
369 3. Implementation and time schedule
370 4. Rational - including financial information
371 5. An addendum
- 372 IV. Go over and discuss theological paper of the G.S.S. (should have
373 already been distributed to church members/local church bodies).
- 374 V. Go over and discuss weaknesses of the present structure
- 375 VI. Go over and discuss WORKING COPY of G.S.S. Proposal (should have
376 already been distributed to church members/local church bodies
377 1. Fill in the report form that lists the basic concepts -
378 noting basic votes on the issues
- 379 VII. Fill in the report with any additional information that came out
380 of the workshop
- 381 VIII. DISTRICT / W.C.E. WORKSHOPS - A final report from the District
382 Coordinator (W.C.E. Officer) and the District Lay Representative
383 is to be sent to the Chair of G.S.S. NO LATER THAN one month after
384 the District (W.C.E. Area) Conference
- 385 IX. Close with Prayer

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 386 1. Pastors and local lay delegates will be in charge of local church
387 workshops and District Coordinators (W.C.E. Officers) and District
388 Lay Representatives (members of G.S.S.) will be in charge of the
389 District (W.C.E. Area) Conferences.
390 2. Allow a minimum of two hours for the workshop
391 3. Approach the whole process with a positive and enabling attitude.
392 4. The final report of the G.S.S. WILL reflect those local churches
393 that did not have workshops and those districts (W.C.E. Areas) that
394 did not have workshops or did not get their final report in on time.
395 5. A G.S.S. workshop similar to the one above will be conducted by a
396 member(s) of the G.S.S. for the Board of Elders at their meeting in
397 July, 1984.

G.S.S. WORKSHOP BASIC CONCEPTS (to be discussed and voted on)
AND REPORT FORM

398 I. Terminology

399 A. Were terms in the proposal understood? If there were con-
400 fusing terms, what were they?

401 B. Was there terminology that people disagreed with and if so
402 what substitute terminology would they suggest?

403 II. Authority and Power

404 A. Should there be options for local church government?
405 (ex.-administrative body option rather than mandated
406 Board of Directors)

407 B. Should more deliberative power be given to the Districts
408 and District Coordinators? (therefore possibly removing
409 the need for Regions)

410 C. Should there be SOME KIND OF separation of pastoral/spiritual
411 functioning and administrative functioning on the Fellowship
412 level? (ex.-retaining the Board of Elders, but also establishing
413 a General Council for administrative purposes)

414 III. Representation - Voting Power

415 A. Should all church bodies be allowed to elect delegates, and if
416 so how many per what number of membership?

417 B. Should we consider moving to International Conferences
418 as well as General Conferences and if so how often would
419 they be held and what would be the attendance requirements?

420 IV. Optional / Alternative Models

421 A. What other Fellowship level models are suggested along with
422 the one INITIALLY PRESENTED here?

423 LOCAL CHURCH WORKSHOPS: Number of people present:

424 Number of members in good standing present:

425 Total (members in good standing) membership
426 of the church:

427 DISTRICT (W.C.E. AREA) WORKSHOPS:

428 Number of church bodies represented:

429 Total number of church bodies in the
430 District/W.C.E. Area:

431 Number of church bodies that DID NOT have
432 local church workshops (please list by
433 name):

434 OTHER BASIC CONCEPTS WILL ARISE DURING THE WORKSHOPS, BUT THOSE ISSUES
435 SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH UNTIL THE ABOVE CONCEPTS AND QUESTIONS ARE
436 ANSWERED. WE STRONGLY URGE THE ABOVE CONCEPTS BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY SO
427 SO THAT THE G.S.S. WILL RECEIVE A REPORT THAT GIVES US UNIFORM AND
428 CONSISTENT FEED-BACK.

429 OTHER DISCUSSION AND FEED-IN:

